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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 216

Thank you for your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 11 March 2019. The information requested is below:

1. **Does your organization presently use and/or endorse a (RPM) remote patient monitoring system to capture vital signs or other health related measurements whilst a patient is residing in their own home or being cared for in a non-acute environment such as community hospital/hospice/residential or care home - **(Measurement examples being blood pressure/weight/temperature/Oxygen Saturation/EWS/pulse/glucose etc.)?**

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not currently specifically commission the supply or use of remote patient monitoring systems to capture vital signs or other health related measures. However, the acute and community providers are encouraged to use technology such as this to transform their service provision, at their own discretion. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust may hold the information you have requested, and if you have not already done so, you can contact them at

FOI Act Lead
Jade Hub
Upper Level
Darent Valley Hospital
Darenth Wood Road
Dartford Kent DA2 8DA

Or by using their online form which can be found at

https://www.dgt.nhs.uk/about-us/foi/form/

1. **If the answer is NO –**
1.1.2  Is telemedicine/ RPM, something that the CCG would consider (within the next 2 years) as a way of either reducing hospital re-admissions, saving district nursing time & cost, for patient convenience and/or recognizing and acting upon patient deterioration sooner?

The CCG would consider the use of this and would work with providers as required.

1.1.3  If the CCG is not considering RPM for suitable patients (able to take their own readings or have a relative who can do this for them) – is there a reason why this is not being considered?

N/A

1.2  If the answer is YES – RPM is presently used in the community - could you please detail –

N/A

1.2.1  the system type/name/supplier

N/A

1.2.2  Where do you send this data/measurements to – for instance...GP system

N/A

1.2.3  When this system came into use and when contract expires

N/A

1.2.4  How much does this costs the CCG (approximately) per patient or per year for multiple patients

N/A

1.2.5  What patient data is captured & is there measurements you would like to capture but cannot achieve at the moment?

N/A

1.2.6  Has there been any analysis of this data to demonstrate that remote patient monitoring from home, (or community residence) has reduced patient admissions into hospital and/or improved patient care/medication needs etc?

N/A

2.  Who is the main person(s)/ decision maker(s) or team – who would probably be responsible (or is responsible) for the decision to use remote patient monitoring in the community? Name/title...
The CCG does not have one individual who would make this decision. It would be the responsibility of a number of committees to decide.

We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter using the contact details below:

E-mail: swccg.northkent.foi@nhs.net
Post: FOI, NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group, Bramblefield Clinic, Grovehurst Road, Kemsley Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2ST

Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy, a copy of which can be found on our website:

www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act, and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.
https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/
Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

In line with the Information Commissioner’s directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. An anonymised version of our response will therefore be posted on our website.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.